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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions (and listings) of claims without prejudice in the application.

Listing of Claims

- Amended*
1. (currently amended) In a contract manufacturing framework, a method of providing access to contract manufacturing services comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a database including a plurality of service provider data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of a particular service provider and contract manufacturing services provided by the service provider, and wherein the database further includes a plurality of ~~links~~ hyperlinks to information;
 - (b) identifying a particular service provider data structure;
 - (c) identifying a particular ~~link~~ hyperlink based on the request data;
 - (d) sending the user the identified service provider data structure so as to identify to the user a particular service provider, and sending the user the identified hyperlink ~~link~~; and
 - (e) allowing the user to obtain additional information utilizing the identified hyperlink ~~link~~.
2. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the service provider data structures include data concerning contract service providers.
3. (original) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the service provider data structures further include data concerning legal services.
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4. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the identified ~~link~~ hyperlink is capable of being utilized to obtain information concerning patent licensing.
5. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the identified ~~link~~ hyperlink is capable of being utilized to obtain information concerning multi-country licensing.
6. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the database is accessed utilizing a network.
7. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.
8. (currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing access to contract manufacturing services in a contract manufacturing framework comprising:
- (a) a code segment for providing a database including a plurality of service provider data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of a particular service provider and contract manufacturing services provided by the service provider, and wherein the database further includes a plurality of ~~links~~ hyperlinks to information;
 - (b) a code segment for identifying a particular service provider data structure based on request data from a user;
 - (c) a code segment for identifying a particular ~~link~~ hyperlink based on the request data;
 - (d) a code segment for sending the user the identified service provider data structure and so as to identify to the user a particular service provider, and sending the user the identified ~~link~~ hyperlink; and

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(e) a code segment for allowing the user to obtain additional information utilizing the identified ~~link~~ hyperlink.

9. (original) A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the service provider data structures include data concerning contract service providers.

10. (original) A computer program as recited in claim 9, wherein the service provider data structures further include data concerning legal services.

11. (currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the identified ~~link~~ hyperlink is capable of being utilized to obtain information concerning patent licensing.

12. (currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the identified ~~link~~ hyperlink is capable of being utilized to obtain information concerning multi-country licensing.

13. (original) A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the database is accessed utilizing a network.

14. (original) A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the network is the Internet.

15. - 21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) In a contract manufacturing framework, a method of providing access to contract manufacturing services comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a database including a plurality of service provider data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of a particular service provider and descriptions of contract manufacturing services provided by the service provider;

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- (b) receiving request data concerning a desired service from a user;
- (c) querying the database using the request data;
- (d) identifying a particular service provider data structure based on said desired service so as to identify to the user a particular service provider capable of providing said desired service; and
- (e) sending the user the identified service provider data structure.

23. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 22, wherein the service provider data structures further include data concerning contract service providers.

24. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the service provider data structures further include data concerning legal services.

25. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 22, wherein the request data includes data concerning pharmaceuticals.

26. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 22, wherein the database is accessed utilizing a network.

27. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the network is the Internet.

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28. (new) A method as recited in claim 22,

wherein each service provider data structure further includes a hyperlink to information;

and

wherein the step of sending the user the identified service provider data structure comprises

sending the hyperlink as part of the service provider data structure.
